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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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Largely Attended Mass-Meeting Held at Odd Fellows Hall Monday Evening in the Interest of the Candidacy of Hon. Oscar DePriest for Alderman of the Second Ward

HON. EDWARD D. GREEN WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING AND HE VERY ABLY PUT TO FLIGHT HON. EDWARD H. WRIGHT, COL. JAMES T. BREWINGTON AND SEVERAL OTHERS WHO SEEMINGLY WERE IN FAVOR OF BREAKING IT UP OR STARTING A ROUGH HOUSE.

THE MEETING WAS ADDRESSED BY CONGRESSMAN MARTIN B. MADDEN, STATE SENATOR SAMUEL A. ETTELSON, DR. J. W. MCDOWELL, REV. E. J. FISHER, PASTOR OF OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH, ATTORNEY WILLIAM L. MARTIN AND HON. OSCAR DE-PIREST.

IT WAS FREELY PREDICTED BY EACH AND EVERY SPEAKER THAT INASMUCH AS OSCAR DEPRIEST HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED BY THE SECOND WARD REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION THAT HE WILL BE NOMINATED AT THE FEBRUARY PRIMARIES, ELECTED AT THE APRIL ELECTION AND THAT HE IS ALREADY HEADED FOR THE CITY COUNCIL.

Monday evening the followers of Hon. Oscar DePriest held a largely attended meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, 3333 South State street. It was what might be called a run-over or a hold-over meeting from Friday evening, which was held at 3439 South State street, which was addressed by Congressman Martin B. Madden, Hon. Samuel A. Ettelson, State Senator-elect, Alderman George F. Harding and others. At this meeting for the first time in the history of Chicago a colored man was endorsed for alderman of this city, for at this meeting Hon. Oscar DePriest was endorsed as the regular Republican candidate for alderman of the second ward by the Republican organization of that ward. Nineteen Colored precinct captains out of twenty and thirty White precinct captains came out flat-footed for him, and as there are only fifty precincts in that ward, it is just as plain as your nose on your face that all the Republican precinct captains except one are shouting for him for alderman.

Hon. Edward D. Green presided over the meeting at Odd Fellows Hall and he was more than a match for the Hon. Edward H. Wright, Col. or the Hon. James T. Brewington and several other first-class gentlemen who were in evidence at the meeting for the sole purpose of asking a lot of senseless questions, thereby hoping and praying that somehow or other the meeting could or

would break up in disgrace and in confusion and that a rough-house would be started.

The meeting was addressed by that tried and true friend of the Afro-American race, Congressman Martin B. Madden, State Senator Samuel A. Ettelson, Dr. J. W. McDowell, Rev. E. J. Fisher, the brave and eloquent pastor of Olivet Baptist church, Attorney Wm. L. Martin and Hon. Oscar DePriest, and it was freely predicted by each and every speaker that as long as Oscar DePriest had been unanimously endorsed for alderman by the second ward Republican organization, that he will be nominated at the February primaries and elected at the forthcoming April election—that he is already headed for the city council.

It was further contended by the various speakers that if the Colored voters residing in the second ward really wanted a Colored man to honestly represent them in the city council that they had a splendid chance to accomplish that object by standing by Oscar DePriest, as not one thing could be said against him in any direction; that his record as county commissioner for four years was one that anyone could be proud of—that he is a successful business man, property holder, that in every way he reflects great credit on the Afro-American race and that he will make a dandy alderman.



HON. EDWARD H. WRIGHT

Ex-south Town Clerk, ex-commissioner of Cook county, who may be induced to make the race for Alderman in the Second Ward.

of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Welch is president of the Dallas Negro Business League.

Mr. C. C. Spaulding, manager of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association of Durham, N. C., has joined the Buy-A-Bale movement.

Mr. J. S. M. Bock, a prominent and wealthy Colored real estate man of Philadelphia, died last week. For the past twenty years Mr. Brock had charge of the buying and selling of property for Mr. John Wanamaker.

The Chicago Broad Ax is conducting a live subscription contest. The first prize is a 35-horse power automobile.

The Colored citizens of Lexington, Ky., are holding meetings to devise some plan to have a Colored industrial insurance company located in their city.

The Harding-Cox-Martin Syndicate, a Colored real estate corporation of Boston, Mass., are reported to have added 56 new charter members to their roster within the past ten months.

DATE FOR ESSAY CONTEST FAST APPROACHING.

Essays Now in Hands of Judges—To be Grand Social as well as Literary Event.

Sunday afternoon, December 20th, is fast approaching when the Fifth Annual Essay Contest will be held at Bethel church under the auspices of the Bethel Literary Club. This event will eclipse any similar event held in Chicago in recent years, as all the literary and women's clubs in the city have been sent invitations to attend in bodies. The management are leaving no stone unturned to make this affair the history making literary carnival of Chicago, and because of the enthusiasm and anxiety already manifested it is felt they will not be deceived in their expectations.

The Great Barley Girls Chorus under direction of Mrs. Eudora Fisher-Lockett, Miss Ethel Minor, the accomplished pianist, Miss Lillian Hunt, the popular organist of Bethel choir, and Mrs. T. A. Smythe, wife of the able pastor of Bethel church, will render selections to give the proper symmetry to the program. Mrs. Irene McCoy-Gaines and Misses Lenora T. Curtis and Kath-

arine Williams and Messrs. Cary B. Lewis, Frank W. Henry and Joseph A. Marshall will deliver the prize essays giving their views on "The Best Solution of the Race Problem in the United States of America." The prizes, a lady's and a gentleman's diamond ring, for the successful lady and gentleman contestant, will be on exhibition at Bethel church Sunday.

The essays have already been delivered to the judges who met this week, when rating sheets and special instructions were given them. According to the rules which were published in this paper November 7th, and to which the contestants heartily agreed, the judges were named by the contestants. The contestants were instructed to submit typewritten copies of their essays, but to omit having their names attached to them. The essays were numbered so that the judges will handle them according to the numbers only. Because the writers of the essays will not be known to the judges, this will prevent any possible favoritism being shown on the part of the judges to the contestants.

This explanation is being made, not because there is fear of any favoritism on the part of the judges, for a most competent corps of judges have been selected, but because there has been some reference made in one of the weekly papers of this city to "fixing the contests." This is not only unfair, but impossible, and if the writer of that article would acquaint himself with the facts and rules governing this contest, which have all been published in these columns, it would be quite apparent that the article would not have been written.

B. W. Fitts, M'gr.
J. E. Mitchem, Ass't M'gr.

HON. ROBERT M. SWEITZER, RE-ELECTED CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT, WITH MORE THAN SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND MAJORITY AT HIS BACK.

HE MAY MAKE THE RACE FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO AT THE SPRING ELECTION.

The official returns of the November election plainly indicate that the Hon. Robert M. Sweitzer, Clerk of the County Court, is the most popular and painstaking official in Cook county, for he was re-elected to his present position with more than seventy-six thousand majority at his back, leading all the

Only Seventeen More Days to Work.

Extra Votes--Extra Votes One Week Only

Double Vote Offer to Close December 14

Madam E. M. SCOTT in the Lead

Owing to the great number of promises that most of the contestants have received in the past two weeks, the management will offer one more special offer. This will be absolutely the last offer to be made during this contest, so if you failed to get all the business possible in during the time of the Triple Offer, do not fail to take advantage of this golden opportunity. For one week you will have the opportunity of securing just twice as many votes on business as the original scale indicated. For example, a \$2.00 subscription or advertisement will get you 2,000 votes whereas before you could only get 1,000 votes. Remember that this is the last offer and closes at 9:00 o'clock, December 14, 1914.

The Reason.

We are offering this double vote offer on account of the great number of promises that the greater number of contestants had for payments of subscriptions and advertisements after the first of December. This gives every one an equal chance to secure such business that has been promised, but were unable to get it in on the triple offer. Therefore we cannot impress on you too strongly to get all the business in that you possibly can on or before the 14th of December and secure the double vote offer, which is the LAST.

Mme. E. M. Scott Leads.

Mme. Scott, 3611 South State street, by her hard work now leads the list of contestants. She for one took advantage of the great Triple Offer and therefore has gained the lead. But this double vote offer gives the balance of the contestants a chance to pass her and probably win out. It is simply up to yourself whether or not you are at the head of the list on December 14th. The time is so short that you must do it now if you are ever going to do it. Do not be discouraged but stick to it and MAKE all your friends give you an advertisement or subscription; that is the only way that you will be declared a winner.

Almost Ninety Dollars a Day.
Almost ninety dollars a day—that

other candidates, both Democrats and Republicans, who sought the votes of the electorate of this city and county at the November election.

Mr. Sweitzer may be persuaded to make the race for Mayor of Chicago at the coming spring election. If he should decide to do so he would be elected with both hands down.

THE STREAM OF DOUBT.

In South America a stream
I found that ran up hill.
'Tis not a molly coddle dream,
For it flows backwards still.
Abram Dale Gash.

is exactly what it means to the contestant who gets busy now and wins out in the Great Race. Have you ever before made such money as that? Then why not exert yourself to the limit in order to win out in this, the greatest chance of your life time? Do not stop for a minute; keep after your friends continually; if you cannot see them, phone to them or write to them and tell exactly what it means to you if they support you. Remember that you can secure business anywhere in the country or the city.

For the effort that you put up now you will be well repaid if you fail to win the big \$1,500.00 automobile, as the second prize, the \$650.00 Steven M. Meyers player piano is a beauty and a lovely addition to any one's home.

Never Too Late to Enter.

It is not yet too late to enter the contest, as you are just in time now to take advantage of the Great Double Offer, which starts today and closes December 14, 1914. So you can see where a few yearly subscriptions will place you in the race.

The Time is Short.

Yes, indeed, the time is short, as the contest will positively close on the 21st of December, 1914. So there is no time to be lost now. Look over the prize list again and see the beautiful things that have got to be delivered on the night of the 21st, and see if it is not worth your time to never cease trying to be declared the winner. Also notice the list of contestants and note what a few "live ones" there are in the race. Don't wait but get out now and get the business and be the proud possessor of the \$1,500.00 automobile.

New Vote Scale for Ten Days Only—Ends December 14, 1914.

This scale changes to old scale Dec. 15.
1 year.....\$ 2.00.....2,000 votes
2 year..... 4.00.....4,000 votes
3 year..... 6.00.....6,000 votes
4 year..... 8.00.....8,000 votes
5 year.....10.00.....10,000 votes
Votes on advertising will be issued exactly as per subscriptions.

THE NEW ATLAS THEATER CONTINUES TO RUN TO CAPACITY HOUSES.

The beautiful new Atlas Theater located on the east side of State street just south of 47th street, continues to run to capacity houses at each and every performance.

It is by far the best and most up-to-date moving picture house on the south side and D. A. Dooley, proprietor and T. E. Murphy, manager, are well pleased the support the Atlas has so far received from its patrons, who are at full liberty to occupy any seat in the house which happens to strike their fancy.

NOTES ON RACIAL PROGRESS.

Furnished by the National Negro Business League.

A Thought for the Week.—It is passing strange that we have not seen at the movies photo-plays truly depicting Negro life and characteristics. We have, of course, seen a few mediocre efforts along this line, but the writers of this class of film plays appear to have overlooked their most valuable and prolific source of plots. Instead of attempting the creation of new plots, they should devote their attention to the world of material to be found in the Negro folk-songs, the stories of "Uncle Remus" and the poems of Dunbar. Who could ever forget a photo-play based upon "The Party," "The Rivals" or "When Ma-lady Sings." Here is the opportunity to produce something clean, interesting and instructive in movie stories and at the same time preserve that which is the only purely American classic—Negro folk-lore and songs.

Mr. C. C. Amey, a former member of the faculty of the A. & M. College at Greensboro, N. C., has established a broom factory at Durham, N. C.

The Loyal Sanitary League and Railroad Arbitration Bureau with headquarters at Newbern, N. C., have succeeded in securing better and more sanitary waiting-room and traveling accommodations on all railroads entering their city. Under the leadership of Rev. J. T. Gaskill, the president, they hope to help other communities accomplish the same results.

Mr. R. J. Royster, a former head-writer of the Hotel Hayward, Boston, Mass., has purchased the Melbourne Hotel situated at 805-815 Tremont St. Following complete overhauling and remodeling, it will be open to Colored patrons especially. Mr. Royster is a well known fraternal man.

Miss Elaine Welch, a former student at Howard University, has been appointed head of the sales department of the E. W. D. Welch Furniture Co.